

156. The passive safety mechanism of claim 153 wherein said blocking piece is accessed for camming through a window in said frame.

157. The passive safety mechanism of claim 153 wherein a camming stud engages a cam track.

158. In a firearm having a sear, a trigger, a triggerbar, and a longitudinally slidable firing element with a radial cantilever projection; a passive safety mechanism comprising:

- a. a blocking piece for blocking said firing element;

characterized in that said blocking piece acts directly upon said projection.

159. The passive safety mechanism of claim 158 wherein said projection extends downward.

160. The passive safety mechanism of claim 158 wherein said projection comprises a sear catch.

Remarks

These above claims are submitted to be patentable over the art of record for the following reasons.

Applicant has elected Group II. Claims 127-137 have been renumbered 141-151. New claims 152-160 have also been drafted. Claims 152-160 are drawn to Group II, "a passive safety mechanism having a blocking means, classified in 42, subclass 69.01."

Claims 141-147 Were Previously Allowed

Claims 108-114 were allowed in the Office Action dated 9 April 2001. Claims 141-147 are equivalent to previously allowed claims 108-114, with the exception that claim 110, now claim 143, has a minor change of language.

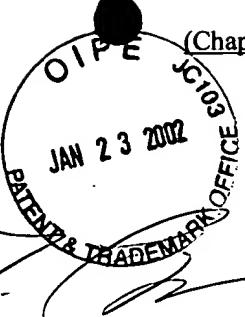
Conclusion

For all the above reasons, applicant submits that the specification and claims are now in proper form and that the claims all define patentably over the prior art. Therefore, applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Conditional Request for Constructive Assistance

If for any reason this application is not believed to be in full condition for allowance, applicant respectfully requests the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner pursuant to M.P.E.P. 706.03 (d) and 707.07 (j) in order that the undersigned can place this application in allowable condition as soon as possible and without the need for further proceedings.

Very respectfully,



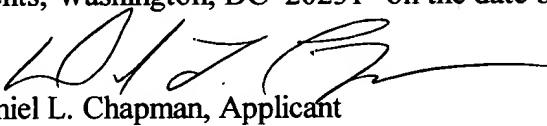
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